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RESTRICTIVE DUTIES

Germany's Latest Move Fully Explained.

THE CONSUL GENERAL'S REPORT.

Sugar Has Very Little to Do With These Restrictive Measures, and the Real Explanation Is to Be Found in Internal Politics—A Regular Chinese Wall of Protection Has Been Established.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The recent decrees and contemplated raising of duties on American food and other agricultural products by the German government appear to be based on a broader foundation than the mere desire to compel the United States to come to terms and remit the discriminating duties against German bounty-paid sugar. In fact, from the reports received at the state department, it would seem that sugar has very little to do with the imposition of these restrictive measures and that the real explanation is to be found in internal politics.

For instance, United States Consul General De Kay, in a report from Berlin upon the proposed enormous increase of the duty on cottonseed oil—an increase that makes the duty prohibitive—says: "This appears to be only one of a number of efforts made by the land owning party (Agrarians) and the protectionist manufacturers to strike at any article of importation that can be used as food. Cottonseed oil in its refined stage as table oil, as well as an ingredient of manufactured butter, is to be dealt a blow."

The consul general is borne out in his conclusion as to the animating force by reports from other American consular officers in Germany, which indicated that the government has, at least in the matter of agricultural products, so far yielded to the farmers and certain classes of manufacturers as to adopt a genuine Chinese wall protective system, and just as soon as an American product begins to be exported to Germany in quantities that threaten serious competition to native products, an exclusive decree is issued against it, based on almost any pretext, or a prohibitive duty is imposed.

DECLARED A DRAW.

A Prize Fight in New Orleans Proves a Grand Fizzle.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The Johnson-Maber glove contest took place in the arena of the Olympic club last night in the presence of the smallest number of spectators that ever assembled in the club on a prize fight occasion. The men fought for a purse of \$1,500, of which \$200 was to go to the loser.

The men entered the ring about 9:15 o'clock. The fight from start to finish was a mixture of boxing, wrestling and talking, with more than the usual amount of abuse by the tongue, which the principals gave each other; each lick seemed to be accompanied by a curse, and in the 24th round the men were wrestling so fiercely that the referee had to separate them. From a scientific point of view the affair was a magnificent fizzle, and the ring in which the men fought was plowed up to such an extent as to make the audience believe the men had been fighting a week. Mabier was taller than his opponent and should have won the battle, though he seemed to lack the physical form necessary to do so.

In the 25th round, Mabier being forced down in a clinch, took several seconds on the floor, and after arising the men wrestled a little bit more. At the end of the 25th round, Referee Duffy's decision declaring the fight a draw, was received with rounds of applause.

SWINDLER SKIPS OUT.

Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia Farmers Were Victims.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 7.—A fine looking man of about 50 years of age, styling himself Frank Johnson, hailing from Chicago, came to this city six or eight weeks ago and opened a commission house on Liberty street under the firm name of Kirkpatrick & Johnson. Today he is among the missing, and many creditors mourn.

As the Kirkpatrick of the firm has never been visible, it is supposed Johnson used the name because of the honorable standing it has in business circles. The firm flooded western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia with circulars offering farmers and agents commissions and salaries considerably better than other houses could afford for poultry and produce of all kinds. The house was soon doing an immense business, selling for cash only, and at prices away below market quotations.

It appears that Johnson, on one pretext or another, succeeded in staving off creditors, making it a rule to pay for nothing until he had victimized his dupes to the extent of thousands of dollars. Some of the commission men on the street estimate the swindle as high as \$25,000; others say \$10,000. An execution has been issued, and the firm's effects will be sold and the books of the concern may show the extent of the fraud.

It Was a Snub.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to The Standard from Varny says that after a long delay the czar has sent a cold and formal acknowledgement of the sultan's effusive message congratulating the emperor on his marriage. This snubbing is assumed to be intended as a mark of the czar's displeasure on account of the Sassoun outrage.

AN ADVENTURE WITH "SHE."

A Rattlesnake Escapes and Mixes With the Family.

CLARKSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—A most thrilling adventure was that which Dennis Richey had with a large rattlesnake kept by him, and named "She." Mr. Richey and family live on Finley's Knob, in Scott county. He captured the snake and her mate about a year ago, and exhibited the two at the Scott county fair, since which time he has kept them in a close cage to prevent harm.

Last Sunday "She" escaped from her cage while the family was asleep, and at 2 a. m. Mrs. Richey was awakened by the crying of her baby. She reached over, and there was the sound of something dropping from the cradle to the floor. Mr. Richey, also hearing an unusual noise, arose from his bed, thinking that some member of the family might be sick, and lit a tallow dip and started to investigate. In doing so he stepped upon "She," who sounded her warning, but, strangely enough, did not strike.

As the snake wriggled upon the floor Mr. Richey, without forked stick or glove, caught her and returned her to the cage, when he found that her mate, "Jumbo," had also escaped, and, after a search, he found the rattler and caught him in the same manner; then returned to bed and slept peacefully till morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Richey have absolutely no fear of their pets, and declare that there is no danger of being bitten by them, and handle them with the utmost apparent recklessness. In fact, the escape of Sunday night would have attracted no attention had not a friend of the family been at the house.

BURIED IN ONE GRAVE.

Funeral of the Victims of a Demented Mother's Deed.

GALVESTON, Dec. 7.—The funerals of the four Alberti children, Willie, Della, Dora and Lizzie, victims of poison at the hands of their demented mother, occurred yesterday from the family residence. The four white caskets were covered with beautiful flowers and were conveyed to the Episcopal cemetery and entombed in one grave, which was filled with roses.

Emma, the eldest and only one surviving of the five children, who drank of the poisoned wine, attended the funeral while yet weak and not entirely out of danger. When the coffins were being lowered into the grave she gave one wild shriek and fell insensible into her father's arms and was conveyed home.

While this sad and impressive scene was transpiring, Mrs. Alberti, the mother, sat peacefully and stolidly in her cell in the county jail, seemingly indifferent of her great crime. The only regret she expressed was that she had not given sufficient poison to kill all her children and then taken a fatal dose herself. She still spitefully resents the accusation that she is insane and is ready and willing to meet the consequences of her terrible crime.

TRESPASS IN A CHURCH.

Vandals Burn the Bible and Sacramental Service.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—The Rev. Samuel Hawkins is a pastor of the New Bethel church, in Washington township. His plain speech in the pulpit, and his fearless way of doing things has excited the ire of many persons in the community, and there have been frequent threats of harm in the church and to the preacher.

Night before last Mr. Hawkins, upon going into his dooryard, noticed a light in the church, with the figures of two men emerging from one of the windows. He cried out to the intruders and ran toward them, but they mounted horses and galloped away. He then entered the church, to find that the handsome pulpit Bible, with the hymn books and sacramental service, had been saturated with coal oil and stuffed in the stove, to which a lighted match had been applied. They were utterly ruined by the flames. Yesterday it was discovered that there was also a purpose to burn the parsonage, a pile of shavings saturated in coal oil having been placed in position ready for use. The community is very much aroused by the trespass.

Murdered at the World's Fair.

IDAHO, Ind., Dec. 7.—After 15 months of weary waiting and searching, the friends of Marvin Personett have concluded that he met with foul play. For several months he had conducted a restaurant at Logansport, and on the 13th of August he bid his family an affectionate goodbye and started on a visit to the world's fair, intending to be absent but a few days. Failing to return at the appointed time an inquiry was set on foot, but no trace of the missing man has ever been found. His wife and family then returned to their old home near here. Recently they abandoned all hope of ever again seeing him. He had considerable money when he left for Chicago, and it is the belief that he was murdered.

Bank Closed.

GOODLAND, Kan., Dec. 7.—The Exchange bank closed its doors yesterday having suspended, and is in the hands of the state bank commissioner. The liabilities and assets are not known, as the president, A. Hostetter, is out of the city. Two-thirds of the capital of \$27,000 is held by wealthy eastern people and there seems no doubt but the depositors will be paid in full.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 7.—Colonel E. W. Tatlock of the militia left yesterday for San Juan county with 100 carbines and 1,000 rounds of ammunition which will be furnished to the citizens who are threatened by the invasion of the Ute Indians from Colorado.

TEXAS TRAIN HELD UP

An Express Car Robbed by Masked Highwaymen.

A VALUABLE HAUL IS MADE.

It Is Said They Secured Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars, but the Express Officials Will Not Confirm This Statement—A Train Was Held Up at the Same Place Once Before.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 7.—The eastbound Texas and Pacific passenger train was held up at a trestle seven miles west of here at 5:30 p. m. yesterday. The train was stopped just as the engine and express car had crossed, the passenger coaches coming to a standstill on the trestle where the passengers had no chance of getting out if they were so inclined, which they were not, but only busied themselves in concealing their valuables.

Several shots were fired from the front end of the train, and the passengers were warned to keep their heads in the windows. The train was detained 10 or 15 minutes, during which time those who caught a glimpse of the proceedings on the other side of the trestle saw three masked men with guns leveled marching the engineer and trainmen in and out of the baggage car. When they finished their work the robbers made the engineer back the train over the trestle, and while it was crossing disappeared in a thick forest.

In one respect the robbery was remarkable and sets a precedent. The iron safe of the messenger was thrown from the car and carried off.

The robbery is one of the most daring on record. It is learned from authoritative sources that upwards of \$100,000 was secured.

The train stopped at the water tank; one man boarded it and covered the engineer and fireman, while the other two looted the express car.

Mr. J. M. Perry of Dallas was a passenger on the train. "There is not much of a story to tell," he said, "the whole procedure did not occupy 12 minutes. A quarter of a mile east of Benbrook three masked men held up the train. I don't know how they did it. The first thing I knew the engineer threw the airbrake. After the train stopped I heard a shot, about five minutes later I heard another shot. I heard that the robbers broke into the express car, but nothing could be learned from the officials as to the extent of the robbery. The express messenger got off at Fort Worth and he would give no information. The robbery was so quietly conducted that the passengers were not badly awed."

A train was held up and robbed at this spot several years ago by a gang, under the leadership of the notorious Joe Bunt.

A PITCHED BATTLE.

One Is Said to Have Been Fought Near Shelbyville, Ind.

SHELBYVILLE, Dec. 7.—A pitched battle, from which two parties will doubtless lose their lives, occurred at 1 o'clock yesterday morning in Clark township, this county. Harry Windhorst is a saloonkeeper at Acton, a small station on the Big Four. Jack and William Duncan went to Windhorst's place after he had closed and demanded that he open and give them whisky. He refused and closed his door just in time to stop a brick which was thrown at him.

The Duncans then opened up a fusillade on the saloonkeeper and his residence. Mrs. Windhorst was struck in the face with a brick and her skull crushed. She can not recover. Windhorst then brought his revolver into play, and emptied it without effect. The bombardment was continued. He then brought out his shotgun and fired off the Duncans. Jack was literally torn to pieces, and William was dangerously wounded.

Public Reading Rooms.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 7.—The railroad committee of the Young Men's Christian association decided to establish reading rooms in all of the principal cities of the state. They will be located first at Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Lafayette. The executive committee appointed O. M. Gregg delegate to the international conference at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Bold Break For Liberty.

SANDBORN, Ind., Dec. 7.—While Ernest and Luther Farris of this place, accused of larceny, were being taken to Vincennes in charge of Deputy Sheriff Bryant, they leaped from the train near Bruceville and attempted to escape. The deputy sheriff sprang after them, and after a chase of several miles both were re-arrested.

Held Revolvers in His Face.

IRONTON, O., Dec. 7.—George W. Sanford, a wealthy farmer living 10 miles below this city, was forced to give up \$1,600 at 1 o'clock yesterday morning by two masked men, who held revolvers in his face. The rest of the family were away from home.

Colt Inquiry Closed.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 7.—The Colt court of inquiry closed Thursday with arguments by counsel who were given until Jan. 1 to file briefs. The findings of the court will be submitted to Governor McKinley at some later date.

His Heart Burst.

ELYRIA, O., Dec. 7.—Michael Epley, a farmer, 30 years old, was found dead in bed. A postmortem examination was held and disclosed the fact that his heart had burst, the pericardium being filled with portions of the organ.

ARMENIAN MASSACRE.

Women Preferred Death to Meeting the Turkish Troops.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—A diary of the Armenian massacre is published by the Vossische Zeitung. The diary describes women and children taking the places of massacred husbands and brothers in the six days' defense of Andakh against the Turkish siege.

The position becoming untenable Grggo, the leader, decided to leave the defense to the women, himself leading his troops on a forage for food and ammunition on Aug. 23. The women defended the position for 24 hours, but finally yielded to numbers. They issued from the town with their children and carrying babies on their backs. Grggo's wife, finding escape impossible, stepped on a rock and cried: "Sisters, you must choose between falling into the hands of the Turks and forgetting your husbands, homes, religion and honor, or following my example."

With these words, holding her baby in her arms, she dashed herself from the rock in the abyss yawning at its base. The other women and children silently followed her example, until the ravine was filled with corpses. The last woman who threw herself down fell unhurt upon the bodies of her companions. The scene struck the enemy with horror. About 50 women and 100 children were taken prisoners and endured torture rather than to betray Grggo and his brave followers. Grggo's heroic wife was called Schakhe, and it is declared that the name deserves to be known throughout Europe.

Still Further Outrages.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador at Constantinople, is dissatisfied with the porte's statement that the Armenian outrages were only ordinary acts of brigandage, and that he has made further strong representations to the porte that Great Britain is aware that the affair partook of the nature of a rising upon the part of the Armenians owing to the intolerable situation, the absence of security for life and property, and the depredations of the Kurds.

Sir Philip holds that the official communication was intended as a guide to the commission and to prejudice the case. The settlement of the difficulty as to the Armenian patriarch, with regard to the convocation of the national assembly to elect a new patriarch, is due to the efforts of Sir Philip Currie.

It is reported that further disturbances have occurred in the Zeitun district in the mountains of Asia-Minor and at Sassoun.

Outrages Were Perpetrated.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to The Daily News from Constantinople says that the reports of the Armenian outrages are confirmed from various sources. A Lazist priest from Van says in an interview that he has not been able to discover the cause of the massacres at Sassoun. He believed that the victims numbered 2,000 and that the regular troops were the actual murderers and violators.

The dispatch adds that since the sultan invited President Cleveland to send a delegate with the Armenian commission he has requested General Blunt Pasha to go to Bitlis on a similar errand. General Blunt's health, however, prevents him from accepting the invitation.

The Advertiser has a dispatch from Constantinople stating that owing to President Cleveland's declining to send a delegate to inquire into the Armenian troubles, Turkey has requested England to nominate a consul to accompany the Turkish commission.

TREASURY STATEMENT.

Over One Hundred Million Dollars in Gold Now in Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The cash balance in the treasury yesterday was \$154,727,095, of which \$109,560,123 was net gold. This is a loss in gold since Wednesday's report of \$1,581,897. The treasury officials offer no explanation of this decrease, but the information comes from New York that during the last three days the subtreasury has several times been obliged to meet demands for gold in exchange for legal tenders, but so far as known here none of the gold withdrawn has yet been exported.

The present high rate of sterling exchange (4.88 1/4) makes it probable, however, that before the close of the present week considerable amounts will be withdrawn for export to France where the demand just now is greater than in England. The treasury officials decline to discuss the probability of extensive withdrawals, but it is believed they feel apprehensive of still further losses.

Jail Heavily Guarded.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 7.—The county jail is being heavily guarded owing to a story in circulation that an attempt would be made to take out and lynch the four young men arrested for the attempted murder and robbery of Michael McInty, a prominent farmer, Tuesday night. A dozen strangers had been heard during the day talking about the prisoners.

Overdose of Morphine.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 7.—George D. Sherwin, a well known attorney, died yesterday from the effects of a self-administered overdose of morphine taken, as his relatives claim, to alleviate suffering due to asthma. Sherwin was 57 years old, had been an old practitioner here and was at one time solicitor for the K. G. Dun Mercantile company.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—H. Kemper of near Gwynville was hunting when both barrels of the shotgun were discharged. One eye was put out and his arm was shattered.

SOME TALK OF PEACE

China Wants the War to Come to an End.

ANYTHING TO SAVE PEKIN.

Manchuria's Cession Is Strenuously Objected to by the Chinese Government. Sudden Appearance of British Cruisers. Japan Expects to Act Before the Pe-Chi-Li Gulf Freezes. War News.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 7.—Everywhere there is talk of peace, although it is certain it will not be formulated on the conditions offered by China. The latter, however, will clutch at any straw to prevent the victorious entry of the Japanese into Pekin except that she will not consent to the cession of Manchuria.

It is expected that serious friction will arise between Li Hung Chang and his successor, Liu Kun Yih, when the latter arrives at Pao-Ting-Fu to take over the vice regal seals.

The tsungli yamen faction here is at present opposed to the idea of making peace, and Viceroy Li finds himself in a very anxious position.

Great apprehension is felt concerning the landing point of the third Japanese army, which sailed from Hiroshima a little while ago. The Chinese officials along the coast are in a state of terror about this expedition.

A British squadron of seven cruisers suddenly arrived yesterday at Woo-Sung, a little to the north of this city. Some striking action on their part is expected before long.

Charles Denby, Jr., secretary of the legation at Pekin, is here en route to the United States.

A decisive movement on the part of Japan is expected in the north before the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li freezes.

DETROIT'S MISSION.

Two Reasons Given Why It Proved a Failure.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A Shanghai dispatch to The Times says that the Japanese version of the mission of Mr. Detring, the envoy who unsuccessfully attempted to treat for peace with Japan, is inexact. The dispatch adds that Mr. Detring was duly appointed as Chinese envoy by an imperial decree, but the Japanese ministers refused to examine his credentials.

Two reasons are alleged by well-informed people for the action of Japan. The first of these is that Japan had an expedition at Hiroshima ready to sail to deal a crushing blow at Chinese integrity, and the second, that Japan intends to subject China to extreme humiliation before parleying. The dispatch further says that the situation is becoming grave and that the Japanese appear to be implacable.

All Kept Secret.

CHE-FOO, Dec. 7.—The tsung li yamen has decided to send a special ambassador to Tokio, fully authorized to negotiate a treaty of peace. This is the result of an intimation from United States Minister Denby that he and the United States minister to Japan have prepared the way for direct communication between China and Japan, though the nature of the preliminary negotiations are kept secret.

A LYNCHING PROBABLE.

Tragedy That Will End in a Triple Murder No Doubt.

ASHLAND, Ky., Dec. 7.—A tragedy that will end in a triple murder took place at a little station called Fultz, 35 miles out the Chesapeake and Ohio last night. George Fultz, Sr., a man of 60, and his son, 25, are dead, while John Phyllis, his son-in-law, is dying with a bullet through his head. Thomas James, an all-round desperado and illot whisky seller, who was charged by Fultz, Sr., with the betrayal of his daughter, did the shooting and escaped to the hills where a posse is yet chasing him with fine prospects of an early lynching.

The tragedy occurred at a church where a series of revival meetings were being held. The daughter of the murdered man, who met her lover clandestinely and who is the cause of it all, is almost crazed with remorse and may yet become wildly insane.

Perilous Trip For a Horse.

MILLERSBURG, Ind., Dec. 7.—A horse belonging to a farmer two miles east of here, frightened by an approaching train, galloped straight ahead on the railway track for the bridge, over which he cantered at a sharp gate, striking each tie squarely with his feet, and not making a single misstep, with the train close behind him and the engineer making every effort to halt. After reaching the other side the horse sprang down an embankment and disappeared. The span over which the animal crossed is over 100 feet in length, and the trip is a perilous one, even for a pedestrian.

King Christian III.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—King Christian is suffering from a cold in the bladder, contracted on his journey home from St. Petersburg, where he attended the funeral of the late Czar Alexander and the marriage of Czar Nicholas. The physician who has been summoned to attend his majesty expresses the opinion that with a few days' rest and care the king will entirely recover.

Guilty of Manslaughter.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—Elbert Page, who shot and killed Hiram Gregory in Brooklyn on the night of April 28, was found guilty of manslaughter in the circuit court here and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.